

LOOK out for lies and lots of them, the last few days of the campaign. The "reformers" are equal to anything.

Let Iron county do her full duty next Tuesday. Let us maintain our majority and add a little to it if possible.

The National campaign of 1904 will go down in history as one of the most apathetic the country ever knew. There seems to be no interest.

It's all over now but the shouting, boys. The "reformers" will be the sorest men in the State by this time next week. "Unwept, unhonored and unsung."

VOTE the ticket, and vote it straight, boys. All the way down the line. Snow the bolters under so deep that there will be an end to bolting in Iron county.

VOTER, had you noticed that the Republicans are not talking about Missouri's "looted school fund" this year as they did in the last campaign? That lie soon played out.

AND so Neighbor Miller thinks his hybrid ticket has "the Democrats on the run!" I am glad that he can feel good beforehand; it may be some compensation for the sorrow that will overwhelm him after the counting of the votes.

THE Potosi Journal pretends to believe that the Republicans have a chance to elect their nominee for circuit judge in this circuit. The Journal will be wiser a week hence. But then the Journal says Mr. Rhodes has a chance to go to Congress.

If the hybrids had the power of throwing out unfriendly votes possessed by its Republican contingent in former times, the Democratic ticket would indeed be in bad condition. But that time is happily gone, let us hope forever, and under Democratic rule a white man is at least considered as good as his "colored brother."

In an experience of forty years I have never known a political campaign so filled with falsehood and bitterness. The parties running the local Republican ticket seem to think that the more falsehood and slander their inventive brains can suggest, the better for their cause. But it will be of no avail except to knit more closely together the loyal Democratic hosts of Iron county.

THE REGISTER this week prints a letter from Mr. Arthur Huff, replying to a contemptible insinuation that he had been engaged in a "shady" land deal. No one acquainted with Mr. Huff will give this vile slander a second thought. His reputation for integrity and honesty is too well established—and he will not be hurt by the lies and misrepresentations of the invaders for "reform."

It seems that the thing one may have meritoriously done for the benefit of one man yesterday is a grievous wickedness when done for another to-day. The REGISTER aided the Eagle two years ago to publish the official ballot, and did it freely and without charge. That was all right; but that we rendered our assistance to the Banner this year is all wrong! Truly, hybrid understanding is beyond computation.

WELL, the campaign is about over. As to the result in Iron county, we haven't a particle of doubt. We believe that the Democratic ticket, all the way through, will be elected by the usual majority. But every good Democrat owes it to the party and to himself to see that everybody goes to the polls on election day. Let us make the vote just as large as possible. Let it be said of us all, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

UNTIL it is shown that the Republican candidate is a better man, an abler man, or an honest man than his opponent, what excuse can a Democrat give for "scratching" his ticket? Can any man say that W. T. Gay is a more intelligent citizen or better fitted, either by education or natural ability, than John C. Horn? That R. L. Carty is an honest man, or would make a more efficient and faithful officer than P. W. Whitworth? That Richard Callison and Geo. B. Phillips would administer the county's affairs more intelligently and carefully than Marlon Lewis and Warren C. Johnson? To ask these questions all down the line is to answer them. And the answer given next Tuesday will be emphatic and Democratic.

FREEMAN MARTIN, colored, is an ardent supporter of everybody on the hybrid ticket. This is the way he gave his account of the affair of Saturday to a man he met on the street: "Dey had an awful time at de co'thouse just neow! Pies Whitwath knocked Henry Trammel down and John Ma'shal drawed a gun on Mistah Bill Gay, an' Mistah Bill Singh knocked Pies Whitwath down, an' dey had a debbil of a time!" "What was it all about, Freeman?" inquired one of his auditors. "Jist becase dey didn't want to vote foh Mistah Whitwath!" was Freeman's ready answer. He had evidently been coached, and his statement as to the cause of the trouble is just as truthful as the tales that are being circulated by some of his white political brethren and their newly adopted confederates.

I CANNOT conceive the satisfaction to be derived from the utterance of a deliberate falsehood. Last week, a pettifogger named Miley who had infested this community for about one year, was knocked down by Mr. Wm. R. Edgar under circumstances which were peculiarly conducive to the blow. He approached Miley in the consultation room, face to face, both standing, and, after addressing him, struck him in the face with his naked fist. These are the simple facts in the case, and yet it has been said that the blow was delivered while Miley was seated and not apprehending an assault. Another account has been circulated that Miley was approached from behind and struck with a cane. These lies are told by those who would be delighted to have them resolved into truth; yet I can't understand how they derive pleasure from their telling.

More from Mr. "Law"

Considering the willingness, not to say anxiety, that is shown by the opposition to the local Democratic ticket to damn it in the minds of the people, it must be safe to assume that all the serious evidence available against it has been presented. What has been offered it is not necessary to recite; voters who have taken an interest and are desirous of arriving at a right conclusion, have it in their minds. To me the summing up of all the evidence that has been offered, seems to leave the people of Iron county in a position to congratulate themselves that no more serious charges can be supported against their public servants. At the risk of being called a pessimist, and other hard names, I must persist in the belief that mortal man, in or out of office, is liable to err; so long as he realizes that fact there is hope for his improvement. But the condition of the man who assumes that he is beyond the possibility of making mistakes is as hopeless as that of him who has committed the unpardonable sin. It is in this delusive light, according to their editorial mouth-piece, that the promoters of the "independent" movement view themselves.

But this Pharisaical "more holy than thou" attitude is characteristic of the people who usually assume to stand for special purity in politics, without a vital, tangible principle for which to appeal to the public mind. Now, frankly and fairly considered, are not the leaders of this "independent" movement in a position that leaves them subject to the suspicion of being chiefly actuated by a desire for their personal advantage? Those of its candidates who heretofore acted with the Democratic party seem to have had a warm desire to serve the people in an official capacity. Is it unfair to suspect that it is the failure of the Democratic party to gratify their wishes in that regard that drove them from it? If they have a more ethical reason it has not been made apparent.

Should the movement succeed it is only reasonable to suppose that the paper that is giving it its support would be financially benefited. There is nothing reprehensible in its desire for that end; but neither is it an object that should be specially appealed to the people. Its complaint about the printing of the official ballot, while somewhat puerile, shows that it is not free from an appetite for what it calls "spoils." As to that matter, of course, it would have shown great magnanimity, and a disposition to turn the other cheek, had the officials whom it is denouncing voluntarily given it this work. But, sad to say, I fear poor human nature has scarcely yet arrived at that high moral plane.

Were the present candidates on the "independent" ticket in control of the matter would they have shown such a Christian spirit? I opine not.

The editor of the "independent" paper, after speaking feelingly of the sanctity of the ballot, gives the voter this advice: "Let him accept all the 'treats' he cares to and then vote as he pleases." Accept what you want to and vote as your conscience dictates. That's me." Is that a standard of ethics for a party advocating purity in politics? Does that evidence a desire to introduce a high moral tone into the political atmosphere? Could there be a more candid bid for the support of the depraved in a scramble for "spoils"? Is it really possible that the editor means to say that he would accept a bribe? I hope not; but that is what he does say; not quite grammatically, it is true, but very forcibly.

H. S. LAW.
Sabula, Nov. 1, 1904.

Marble Creek Items.

As I saw no items of news from this place last week, I will try and give you a few for this week's paper.

As we are having cold, frosty nights and dry weather the corn will soon be ready to bulk. There is a large stone mill to be erected on the creek in the near future. Most of the machinery is delivered on the mill site at this writing. This will give plenty of employment for the idle men in this vicinity. It is said that it takes seventy-five men for a crew. W. L. H. Matkin is employed as timber boss.

H. Young was seen on the Creek recently. He is up on a visit from Gad's Hill, where he is at work. This is the first time we have seen him for five years. He says he likes the country down there pretty well.

Tom Matkin went to Gravelton to see home folk.

B. F. Matkin says he will begin gathering his corn on the big St. Francois next week.

J. R. Boswell is improving some at this writing. We hope to see him out and about soon.

Mrs. Hurst has gone to visit her daughter, Mrs. W. L. White.

L. A. McKee bought some cattle from Mr. Hurst recently.

I think some of the hot air that Bill Simons is getting off will cool pretty soon, as the boss will be running short about the 8th of November; and this will give him time to vote the Democratic ticket. I think he has too much in the upper story to vote for those soreheads and Republicans. Yes, he will vote the way he used to instruct us when we were in the neighborhood of 21. Now come, Billy, stop and think which road you are going. Maybe if you would study your Blue-back for the next two years, and shut off that hot air for good, which I think you will, then you might get a long term in office. Well, the time is near at hand when we shall see all of the ring boys make another ring.

We all complain of the shortness of time, and yet have much more than we know what to do with. Our lives are spent either in doing nothing at all, or in doing something we ought not to do; we are always complaining that our days are few, and acting as though there would be no end of them.

A wound from a tongue is worse than a wound from a sword; for the latter effects only the body, the former the spirit.

Downtown—"Here comes Bill; he's got a new baby, and he'll talk us to death."

Upton—"Well, here comes a neighbor of mine who has a new setter dog. Let's introduce them to each other, and leave them to their fate."

One of the most important things in life, Bill, is to know when to grasp an opportunity.

You know Bill Simons? Well, he died the other day and the only thing he left was a clock. Well, there's one good thing about it: it won't be much trouble to wind up his estate.

I want power of mind,
Force and strength in look;
If my writing is satisfactory,
Please send me the book.
BUSTER.

Sabula Items.

Mrs. Chas. Degal of Leesville, Louisiana and Mrs. F. B. Bearl of Piedmont are guests of Mrs. A. E. Shy this week.

Mr. James Shy, one of our Sabula brakemen, is visiting home folk this week.

Rev. Peoples filled his first appointment here Sunday. All are pleased with his talk. He will preach here every third Sunday.

Jim Buford and Andy Lewis shipped a carload of goats from here last week.

John Orr is on the sick list.

Miss Mabel Rood, who is teaching school out east of Ironton, visited home folk here Sunday.

Quite a crowd of young people spent a pleasant Saturday evening at the home of Mr. Roberts.

Miss Mattie Sheldon of Annapolis is visiting her father.

Mr. H. B. Counts made a flying trip to Ironton last week.

People are very busy digging potatoes. The yield is extra large.

Our school is progressing nicely under the control of Miss Lula Polk.

Squirrel hunters are too numerous to mention.

SNOWFLAKE.

350 pairs of shoes for men, women, misses, boys, children, infants, at 15c, a pair at Mullin & Brown's.

Carver Creek Items.

We are having some cool weather at present.

We have not much news to write about as Carver Creek is a peaceable place.

Charley Swearingin is spending a few days with home folk on Carver.

Sam Whitehead has moved to Aunt Tilda Bone's old home place on Carver Creek.

Our road was granted to us and some work has been done on it.

Sam Victor has gone to Flat River to work.

Jake Pinkley cut his foot. We are sorry for you, Jake, for you have so much bad luck.

Geo. Sherrell was able to attend church on last fourth Sunday.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Sherrell, October 20, 1904, a boy.

Misses Vilo Sherrell and Susie Swearingin visited Emma Vance at Hogan Thursday.

The Big Four saw mill on Carver Creek is still doing business.

Miss Viola Rains has returned home from Ironton.

LITTLE BEAUTY.

Just arrived, two cars of P. B. Mathiason Mfg. Co., increase brand Fertilizers. For sale by G. W. Collins.

JACK FROST HAS COME

We have been expecting him for some time, hence were not caught napping. Our store is filled to overflowing with dependable, seasonable goods at tempting prices. Prepare for the shivery nights that are upon us by procuring a supply of those warm Blankets and downy Comforts

Blankets at 60c to \$4.90 pr.

Comforts at 60c to \$2.00 pr.

Underwear and Hosiery that will wear to your satisfaction and keep you warm. . .

Warm Underwear.

A1 grade Men's All Wool Underwear, per garment \$1.00
Some sample underwear, same as above 85c
Men's Heavy Fleeced Underwear, per garment 35c to 50c
A full line of Children's, Misses' and Ladies' Union Suits in the different grades at the lowest possible price.

SWEATERS.

Men's Extra Heavy Sweaters 50c
Men's All Wool Sweaters 85c to \$1.50
Boys' Sweaters in weights and colors that will please.
Special big bargain in Ladies' Woolen Sweaters. We were offered a large quantity at just one-half the regular price, if we would take the lot; we took them of course. They come in Green, Navy Blue and White, and we have placed them on sale at much less than the regular wholesale price, in three lots.
\$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

Flannels, Flannellettes and Woolen Dress Goods. The season is on and we are prepared for the run. All new and up-to-date patterns. Not an old style in the lot. . .

Ladies' and Misses' Coats.

A strong line just received. This season's accepted styles. Belted Coats in all Lengths

SPECIAL—Ladies' Stylish Belted Coat in the different shades; worth \$7.00; for \$4.75 and \$5.00
Elegant three-quarter length Belted Coats; \$15.00 quality, for \$11.50

If you want cheaper ones we have them and can supply your wants from \$1.50 up.

Shoes. We carry the largest and best line of Shoes to be found in the county, and in addition to our regular stock we have just received a large lot of Samples. Money savers to you

Children's 75c and 85c Shoes 50c
Ladies' \$1.75 value 1.25
SPECIAL—50 pairs Men's Sample Dress Shoes in Velour, Box Calf and Patent Leather; regular \$3 quality, for \$2.25
Infants' and Children's 50c Shoes 25c
We have also just received a swell line of Ladies' Fine Shoes in Button and Lace, Extension Soles, Mannish Styles - \$3 & \$3.50



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